



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2003

WHEREAS, acknowledging September 2003 offers individuals in the substance abuse treatment community an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial; and

WHEREAS, substance use and abuse is a major public health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and in all communities and which has a huge medical, societal, and economic cost; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a treatable disease and treatment of addiction is as successful as the treatment of other chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma; and

WHEREAS, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; the Office of National Drug Control Policy invite all residents of North Dakota to participate in Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2003, **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State